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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IRSG

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1. INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP (IRSG) MET APRIL 5 TO CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, THE CANDIDACY OF DR. LESLIE BATEMAN AS INTERIM SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IRSG. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN DELL SHOULD WRITE MEMBERSHIP SETTING FORTH TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND RECOMMENDING THAT BATEMAN BE APPOINTED. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM DELL AND ARE POUCHING IT TO POLIK EB/ISM.

2. APPOINTMENT WOULD BE FOR THREE YEARS ON A CONTRACT BASIS AT A SALARY OF 12,000 POUNDS PER ANNUM WITH PROVISION FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 1,680 POUNDS (14 PERCENT OF SALARY) TO BE PAID BY GROUP TOWARD ADDITIONAL PENSION BENEFITS. THIS WOULD BE SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE SALARY PAID THE PRESENT INCUMBENT BUT BATEMAN FEELS THAT BECAUSE OF HIS STANDING IN HIS FIELD HE CAN NOT ACCEPT A SALARY RELATED TO THE UK CIVIL SERVICE GRADE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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(ROUGH EQUIVALENT TO OFFICE DIRECTOR IN DEPARTMENT).

BATEMAN ALSO FEELS THAT A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL POSITION SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR LATER ON (NOT BEFORE JUNE 1977) WITH ITS INCUMBENT EXPECTED TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BATEMAN'S APPOINTMENT NOT WITHSTANDING SOMEWHAT HIGHER BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS BECAUSE OF HIS OBVIOUS QUALIFICATIONS AND NEED TO STIMULATE PRESENT SECRETARIAT.

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